

Subject

18 August 1964

**Honorable Kermit Gordon
Director
Bureau of the Budget
Washington 25, D. C.**

Dear Mr. Gordon:

Reference is made to the Bureau's letter of 20 July 1964 requesting the views of this Agency on the General Services Administration draft bill "To amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, to authorize a Federal Parking System, and for other purposes." Although the Agency appreciates the need for the development of a program to increase the availability of parking areas adjacent to buildings occupied by the Federal Government, we strongly believe that this Agency should be exempt from the provisions of this proposed legislation.

The Federal Parking System, as proposed, would create a substantial morale problem for our employees at the CIA Headquarters Building in Langley, Virginia. For the most part, our workers are compelled to travel to and from their work by automobile because of the inadequacy of public transportation service in this area. This Agency has continual difficulty in employing certain categories of personnel, particularly shift workers in the lower salary ranges, because of the need for employees to provide their own private transportation. Charging these persons a fee for the use of parking spaces will have an additional negative effect which is most undesirable.

The Agency does assist its employees in forming car pools, but they are unavailable for many of our personnel. The need to maintain a work force for twenty-four hours a day,

the staggered work schedules during the day which must be arranged to eliminate traffic tie-ups, and the necessity for over-time work for selected employees during periods of crisis around the globe make it impractical for a great number of Agency personnel to rely upon transportation by means of car pools. Since the location of the Headquarters Building and the nature of our work make it imperative for the majority of Agency employees to travel to and from work in their privately owned vehicles, we do not believe it equitable to require them to pay a parking fee.

Furthermore, the operation of a commercially leased parking facility and/or the authorization for public parking adjacent to our Headquarters Building and other Agency installations throughout the country would be inconsistent with security needs of this Agency. The statutory responsibility of the Director of Central Intelligence to protect intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure requires that our Office of Security controls the access to all areas adjoining our buildings and grounds.

Therefore, it is our opinion that this Agency should be excluded from the provisions of this proposed legislation. We suggest that the wording of the proposed new subsection (14) (D) of section 210 (a) of the Federal Property and Administration Services Act of 1949, as amended, be amended further by inserting between "(40 U.S.C. 612), " and the words "and such other properties" the following: "those properties designated by the Director of Central Intelligence as being wholly or partly devoted to sensitive activities requiring greater than normal security protection, . . . " However, having in mind that other agencies may have similar objections to this draft bill, we would pose no objection to substituting for "Director of Central Intelligence" the words "Head of a Federal Department or Agency".

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John S. Warner
Legislative Counsel

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